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## PAUL'S NOTE

In this week's newsletter, I will be talking trash.

What brought this up? Well, soon will be Valentine's Day. You know what that means? The public is invited to an annual behind the scenes tour of the Los Reales Landfill. The 1000 acre landfill is the only one owned by the city and collects 600,000 tons of waste annually.

Hey, I said I was talking trash and not romance.

Tucson Environmental Services has been offering this tour for four years now. Since Valentine's Day is on a Sunday this year, the tour will be on

Friday, February 12. Participants will get an exclusive 'behind the scenes' view and learn how Environmental Services manages waste diversion in Tucson. Tour participants will also gain an in-depth understanding of how recyclables collected in the blue barrels are sorted and marketed.

The tour will begin at the Los Reales Landfill, 5300 E. Los Reales Rd. At the Los Reales Landfill, participants will see how ES handles household hazardous waste and hear how construction of the landfill cells protects groundwater. Those on the tour will also see landfill operations

and learn how methane gas generated at the landfill is used as a renewable energy source to power Tucson.

The tour is available on a first come basis. If you don't have any plans, take yourself out for a treat by doing something completely different! To reserve a seat, call Environmental Services at 791-3175 by Friday, February 5.

In last week's newsletter, I touched on moving some services such as graffiti abatement and code enforcement to the Environmental Services Department. There are a variety

## PAUL'S NOTE, CONTINUED

of functions that the department already does in addition to serving 135,000 customers with weekly trash pick-up.

There are services like the Brush and Bulky collection offered to residents twice each year. Brush and Bulky is used regularly by more than 80% of customers. Brush and Bulky helps residents get rid of that extra debris generated when you clean your yard, shed or garage. Each year ES collects approximately 15,000 tons of material through the Brush and Bulky program.

A lesser-known service offered is the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program. The HHW is a service available to resident so that any chemicals, paints, oils, or other hazardous materials can be recycled, re-used or disposed of safely. These cleaners, solvents, and other products can be harmful to people, pets, or the environment. A monthly collection event is held on the 1st Saturday of each month, at the Eastside Service Center behind my office here at 7575 E. Speedway. More info is available at [www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw)

If you and your neighbors would like to clean-up your neighborhood, the department will provide roll-off containers for your use and will haul away the debris at no cost. You can either contact Environmental Services at [eshelp@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:eshelp@tucsonaz.gov) or call my office, 791-4687.

Although the Los Reales Landfill is the only one currently operated by the City of Tucson, there are 16 inactive landfills that require on-going monitoring to ensure that groundwater and soils are protected and any potential contaminants are identified. In a city like ours that is still very dependent on groundwater, this is crucial.

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Keep in mind that Old Fort Lowell Day is coming up on Saturday, February 13 from 12 pm to 4 pm in Ft. Lowell Park, 2900 N Craycroft Rd.

The event activities will include cavalry drills, 1800's vintage baseball game, adobe brick making, tour of the Ft. Lowell Museum with new statehood exhibits, 18th Century military band music, historic walking tour, and much more. It's a family fun event. Come out to the park and experience the Arizona frontier life.

You can find more information at [OldFortLowellNeighborhood.org](http://OldFortLowellNeighborhood.org).

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## GEM SHOW

For the next two weeks, approximately 55,000 people will converge on Tucson to participate in the 62nd annual Tucson Gem, Mineral & Fossil Showcase. The event, featuring minerals, gemstones, jewelry and fossils, begins Saturday, Jan. 30 at more than 40 locations throughout the Tucson area.

To assist Gem Show visitors, the City of Tucson's Park Tucson is offering GemRide, a free shuttle service that connects convenient downtown parking locations with 41 of the Gem, Mineral, and Fossil shows around Tucson. The shuttle's four routes cover 36 different stops, running from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Jan. 30 through Feb. 14.

The gem shows are very important to the City of Tucson, both economically and culturally. They have set the standard for gem and mineral shows around the world and collectively they represent the largest event of its kind. The results from the new economic impact study indicate that direct spending associated with the 2014 gem show was \$120 million, 20 percent higher than the \$100 million spent in 2007 by show owners, exhibitors and buyers.

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## ARIZONA FISHER HOUSE

Thanks to the donations of Tucsonans, the Arizona Fisher House will be dedicated on February 18 at 11 am. The public is invited.

The Arizona Fisher House located on the campus of the Tucson VA Medical Center provides a "home away from home" for loved ones of Veterans or Active Duty personnel receiving inpatient care from the Tucson VA.

The Arizona Fisher House consists of one full time manager, one assistant, and two housekeepers all employed by the VA. The Arizona Fisher House relies on community donations and volunteer support to maintain the home. The home features 16 private suites, each with its own bed and bathroom with a shower. Other amenities include a common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room and living room with a library.

For more information, call 629-1822

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## FORT LOWELL DAY EVENTS

Here are some of the activities you and your family can enjoy during Fort Lowell Day, February 13.:

Meet and greet the Cavalry in Fort Lowell Park and watch them perform their drills.

Enjoy an 1800's vintage Baseball Game in the Park; learn how to make adobe bricks.

Take a tour of Fort Lowell Museum with new Statehood Exhibits; enjoy 19th Century military band music.

Stroll on a walking tour of the many historic sites in the Old Fort Lowell neighborhood with interpretations by knowledgeable hosts; enjoy entertainment from a variety of musicians and delicious food.

Visit the San Pedro Chapel and La Capillita; make Mexican paper flowers; hear a lecture on 19th Century medicine and watch a demonstration of field surgery in action!

For more details, visit [www.oldfortlowellneighborhood.org](http://www.oldfortlowellneighborhood.org)

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## PARKS PROGRAMS

**Facility Closures:** All Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed Monday, February 15 in observance of Presidents Day.

**Spring 2016 Leisure Classes:** Session II of Spring classes begin March 20.

**Summer 2016 Activity Guide:** Watch for the Summer Tucson Parks and Recreation 2016 Activity Guide which will be published on Monday, April 18, 2016. The Activity Guide will have complete information on classes, programs, aquatics, and registration. The guide can also be viewed at [www.ezeereg.com](http://www.ezeereg.com).

Contact Registration Services at 791-4877 for more information or questions.

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**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable  
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—  
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals  
and Families in Need**

**LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses**

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/  
Dance Equipment**

**CASA MARIA—Plastic bags**

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 9** Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session.

There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

